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## SPEAKER JOHNNIE BYRD CONGRATULATES REPRESENTATIVE PAUL ON PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION

TALLAHASSEE – Speaker Johnnie Byrd today expressed congratulations to Representative Jerry Paul (R-Port Charlotte) on yesterday's announcement by the White House that his name will be submitted for U.S. Senate approval for a presidential appointment.

"President Bush has quickly realized what we in the Florida House have known for quite some time: that Representative Paul is a capable and insightful leader," said Speaker Byrd. "I am confident that, once confirmed, Representative Paul will serve with distinction in this new role."

The White House released a statement on Tuesday announcing President George W. Bush's intention to nominate Representative Paul to be Principal Deputy Administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration at the Department of Energy.

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